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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Mauer Gehling, Amstetten and St. Poelten 25X1  
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Mauer Gehling.

1. On 22 January 1952, the former Landesirrenanstalt (provincial insane asylum), Mauer Gehling (O 49/W 26), was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. A total of 38 trucks and 6 AT guns were seen in the garages. Trucks seen in the billeting area, were driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and truck seen at the railroad station, was loaded with ration supply boxes and was also driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

Amstetten.

2. The Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27) was still in operation as of the end of January 1952.

St. Poelten Area.

3. On 23 January, 11 trucks and 5 amphibious vehicles on blocks were seen in the yards of the barracks installations on the west side of Schiesstattung, St. Poelten (O 49/W 83). Troops seen policing the billeting areas wore red-bordered black epaulets. Field-grade officers seen entering the court building included 7 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 1 wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The ranking officer seen was a lieutenant colonel.
4. A Shchuka tank was seen in front of a wooden shed in Camp Spratzern. Troops observed in the camp area wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia. The drivers of all vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets and the drivers of the first four vehicles also wore tank insignia. The fuel supply installation at Obergrafendorf (O 49/W 77) was still guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Piles of gasoline barrels and a trailer of a tank truck were noticed in the fuel depot area.

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[redacted] The relieving guard detail for the komendatura consisted of 10 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets and came from the direction of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Jeep [redacted] carrying a lieutenant colonel with red-bordered black epaulets, left the former Altersheim (home for aged people) on Franz Binderstrasse toward Schiesstattring. The Viehofen Castle was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. This information, [redacted] generally confirm the location of components of the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div in Mauer Oehling and St. Poelten.

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